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Sir:

LETTER

Applicant filed a response on September 16, 2003 to the final rejection of August 13, 2003. Applicant had not received any response to the Amendment filed September 16, 2003 to the present date. Concurrently with this letter applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal in light of the expiration of the six months' statutory period for response on February 13, 2004. Applicant would appreciate receiving a response to that Amendment filed September 16, 2003 before continuing further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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